

REMARKS

The above-noted cancellation of claims 1-19, and addition of new claims 20-35, is respectfully submitted prior to initiation of the prosecution of this application in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Original claims 1-5, 7, 9-10, 12 and 14, have been rewritten as new claims 20-29 and were effected in order to more clearly define and describe the subject matter which Applicants consider to be their invention. As such, no new matter has been added.

New claims 30 and 31 are directed to methods of treating hyperglycemia in a subject utilizing the agent of claim 20. Support for claims 30 and 31 can be found, for example, on page 11, lines 29-39. Claims 32 and 33 are directed to methods for treating hyperglycemia utilizing the agent of claim 20. Support for these claims can be found, for example, on page 12, lines 8-18. Claims 34 and 35 are directed to methods for stabilizing glycemia in a subject utilizing the agent of claim 20, support for which can be found, for example, on page 12, lines 20-30. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that these amendments now be entered, and that prosecution on the merits of this application now be initiated. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe such action can be taken, it is respectfully requested that he telephone Applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any objections which he may have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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